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FOR: <u>HARDENED VOYAGE DATA RECORDER</u>

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 47-69 to the instant application, as follow:

Claim 47 (New Claim) A hardened voyage recorder for use on a marine vessel, comprising: